

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A cell comprising an increased amount of Bcl-x_L protein, wherein the cell does not express a heterologous cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor.
2. (Original) The cell of claim 1, wherein the cell is a mammalian, rodent, insect, or amphibian cell.
3. (Original) The cell of claim 2, wherein the cell is a human, murine, or hamster cell.
4. (Original) The cell of claim 3, wherein the cell is a hamster cell.
5. (Original) The cell of claim 4, wherein the cell is a Chinese hamster ovary cell.
6. (Currently Amended) The cell of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the cell is adapted for growth in suspension.
7. (Currently Amended) The cell of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the cell is adapted for growth in a medium free of serum.
8. (Original) The cell of claim 7, wherein the medium comprises butyrate.
9. (Currently Amended) The cell of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the Bcl-x_L protein is expressed from an expression vector introduced into the cell.

10. (Currently Amended) The cell of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the Bcl-x_L protein is of a species different than that of the cell.

11. (Currently Amended) The cell of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the Bcl-x_L protein is human.

12. (Currently Amended) The cell of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the cell further comprises a first expression vector encoding a polypeptide.

13. (Original) The cell of claim 12, wherein the polypeptide is a secreted protein.

14. (Original) The cell of claim 12, wherein the polypeptide is a light or heavy chain of an antibody.

15. (Original) The cell of claim 14, wherein the first expression vector encodes both the light and heavy chains of the antibody.

16. (Original) The cell of claim 14, wherein the cell further comprises a second expression vector encoding the light or heavy chain of the antibody, wherein the first and second expression vectors together express the antibody in the cell.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a polypeptide, the method comprising culturing a cell of ~~any preceding~~ claim 1 and purifying the polypeptide from the cell culture.

18. (Original) A method of producing a polypeptide, the method comprising providing a cell comprising an increased amount of Bcl-x_L protein, wherein the cell does not express a heterologous cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor;

introducing into the cell a first expression vector encoding a polypeptide; and
expressing the polypeptide in the cell.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising isolating the polypeptide from the cell culture.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the polypeptide is isolated from the medium of the cell culture.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-20~~ claim 18, wherein the cell is a mammalian, rodent, insect, or amphibian cell.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the cell is a human, murine, or hamster cell.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the cell is a hamster cell.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the cell is a Chinese hamster ovary cell.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-24~~ claim 18, wherein the cell is adapted for growth in suspension.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-25~~ claim 18, wherein the cell is adapted for growth in a medium free of serum.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the medium comprises butyrate.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-27~~ claim 18, wherein the Bcl-x_L protein is expressed from an expression vector introduced into the cell.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-28~~ claim 18, wherein the Bcl-x_L protein is of a species different than that of the cell.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-29~~ claim 18, wherein the Bcl-x_L protein is human.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-30~~ claim 18, wherein the polypeptide is a secreted protein.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 18-31~~ claim 18, wherein the polypeptide is a light or heavy chain of an antibody.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein the first expression vector encodes both the light and heavy chains of the antibody.

34. (Original) The method of claim 32, further comprising introducing into the cell a second expression vector encoding a light or heavy chain of the antibody, wherein the first and second expression vector together express the antibody in the cell.